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Sir:

For:

On September 19, 2002, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment in the aboveidentified application, asserting as a grounds for abandonment, the failure to respond to an Office Action dated June 20, 2001.

A check of our docketing records and the file of the subject application indicates that no such Office Action was ever received.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office re-mail the Office Action dated June 20, 2001, referred to in the Notice of Abandonment and restart the period to allow Applicants an opportunity to respond.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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